

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for registering weight and/or water ~~content~~ mass of fit and sick individuals, wherein the apparatus includes a measuring cell including at least two electric conducting plates on which is applied a voltage from a power supply, and that the at least two electric conducting plates are disposed with mutually opposite faces and with adjustable spacing, so that an individual or a well-defined part of the individual may be placed between the at least two electric conducting plates, and a measuring unit including means for registering only the change in capacity between the at least two electric conducting plates and means for converting the capacity change into a numerical number which is correlated with the weight and/or the water ~~content~~ mass of the individual.
2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least two electric conducting plates are provided in a metal alloy, ~~preferably copper~~.
3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the immediate vicinity of the at least two electric plates there is disposed a dispenser unit, ~~preferably~~ for dispensing water, feed and/or drugs.
4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claims 1, wherein at least one of the at least two electric conducting plates is coated on at least one surface with an electric non-conducting material, ~~preferably plastic~~.
5. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means of the measuring unit for registering the capacity change between the at least two electric conducting plates of the measuring cell is one or more of the following components: measuring bridge and/or a potentiometric set-up.
6. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means of the

measuring unit for converting the signal from the measuring cell includes one or more of the following components: at least one signal amplifier, a voltage rectifier, a filter, a converter, an MCU-unit with a data store and/or a display for displaying the numerical number.

7. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the MCU-unit of the measuring unit is coupled to a computer for collecting the numerical numbers in a data collecting program.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for registering weight and/or water content of fit and sick individuals, wherein the apparatus includes a measuring cell including at least two electric conducting plates on which is applied a voltage from a power supply, and that the at least two electric conducting plates are disposed with mutually opposite faces and with adjustable spacing, so that an individual or a well-defined part of the individual may be placed between the at least two electric conducting plates, and a measuring unit including means for registering the change in capacity between the at least two electric conducting plates and means for converting the capacity change into a numerical number which is correlated with the weight and/or the water content of the individual, and ~~Apparatus according to claim 1~~ wherein the measuring unit furthermore includes means for recognition of the individual disposed between the at least two electric conducting plates.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for registering weight and/or water content of fit and sick individuals, wherein the apparatus includes a measuring cell including at least two electric conducting plates on which is applied a voltage from a power supply, and that the at least two electric conducting plates are disposed with mutually opposite faces and with adjustable spacing, so that an individual or a well-defined part of the individual may be placed between the at least two electric conducting plates, and a measuring unit including means for registering the change in capacity between the at least two electric conducting plates and means for converting the capacity change into a numerical number which is correlated with the weight and/or the water content of the individual, and in the immediate vicinity of the at least two electric plates there is disposed a dispenser unit for dispensing water, feed and/or drugs, and ~~Apparatus~~

~~according to claim 1~~ wherein ~~the~~ a computer controls dispensing of water, feed and/or drugs in the dispensing unit on the basis of indication of a single individual and the registered weight.

10. (Previously Presented ) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the measuring unit is provided on an add-on board for internal disposition in a computer, where one or more measuring units are replaceably coupled to the add-on board.

11. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus furthermore includes an external weight unit.